AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

1. (Amended) A kerbstone having a body defined by a leading surface, a front face, a rear face, a base and first and second end faces, the leading surface comprising a top face and a forward face, the body being formed from a synthetic or elastomeric material and defining first and second retention formations on the first and second end faces, respectively, wherein the first and second retention formations extend from proximate the base to a position short of the top face.

2. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 1 wherein the leading surface defines a first portion which is exposed in use, and the front face, rear face, base, and, first and second end faces, define a second portion which is buried in use and a further retention formation is provided on the second, buried portion.

3. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 1 wherein the first retention formation comprises a projection from the first end face and the second retention formation comprises a recess, recessed into the second end face.

4. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 2 wherein the further retention formation includes a flange arrangement.

5. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 4 wherein the flange arrangement comprises a flange on the front face.

6. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 4 wherein the flange arrangement comprises a flange on the rear face.

7. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 1 wherein the body defines a hollow cavity.

8. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 7 wherein the body is open at the base.

9. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 7 wherein the body defines one or more ribs, the one or more ribs dividing the cavity into at least two compartments.

10. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 9 wherein each of the one or more ribs is scalloped proximate the base.

11. (Amended) The kerbstone according to any preceding claim wherein the synthetic or elastomeric material is low density polyethylene.

12. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 2 wherein the first portion is formed from a different synthetic or elastomeric material to the second portion.

13. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 2 wherein the material forming the first portion is 25 to 50% stronger than the material forming the second portion.

14. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 1 wherein the kerbstone has a front wall, a rear wall, a top wall, a forward wall and first and second end walls and the top wall and forward wall have a wall thickness 50% to 150% greater than that of the rear wall, most preferably 100% greater.

15. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the rear face and front face has at least one hole for receiving, in use, a concrete mix.

16. (Amended) The kerbstone according to claim 1 wherein the leading surface has a non-slip finish.

17. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 1, in which a photovoltaic cell or a battery is received in the body.

18. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 1, in which a light source is received in the body.

19. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 18, in which the light source comprises one or more light emitting diodes, most preferably colour variable light emitting diodes.

20. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 1, in which a sensor is received in the body.

21. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 20, in which the sensor is one of a vehicle parking sensor, a vehicle speed sensor, a light sensor or other vehicular approach sensor.

22. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 1, in which the kerbstone includes communication means to allow the kerb to communicate with a remote location.

23. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 22, in which the communication means comprises a mobile telephone or other wireless communication means.

24. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 1, in which the kerbstone comprises a sensor and a light source whereby activation of the sensor causes the light source to be illuminated or, where a variable colour LED is provided, causes the variable colour LED to be illuminated or to change colour.

25. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 24, in which the sensor is a vehicle approach sensor and the light source is illuminated intermittently to provide a warning signal.

26. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 22, in which the kerbstone includes a light source, preferably comprising one or more light emitting diodes, most preferably colour variable light emitting diodes, whereby the light source may be activated remotely via the communication means.

27. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 22, in which the kerbstone includes a sensor whereby data from the sensor can be passed from the kerbstone to a remote location via the communication means.

28. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 27, in which the kerbstone includes a light source, preferably comprising one or more light emitting diodes, most preferably colour variable light emitting diodes, whereby the light source may be activated remotely via the communication means.

29. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 1 in which the kerb has a light reflective surface over at least part of the front or top faces thereof.

30. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 1 having a drainage channel formed integrally therewith or attached thereto.

31. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 30, in which the front face of the kerbstone has one or more apertures formed therein and in fluid communication with the drainage channel.

32. (Amended) A kerbstone according to claim 9, in which the ribs have a higher density in the upper part of the kerbstone.

33. (Amended) A kerbstone assembly comprising two kerbstones according to claim 1 wherein the first retention formation defines an external, upward-facing abutment surface and the second retention formation defines an internal, downward-facing abutment surface, the abutment surfaces engaging, in use, so that the second kerbstone is at least partially supported by the first kerbstone.

34. (Amended) A kerbstone assembly comprising at least two kerbstones according to claim 18, 20 or 22 in which power for the light source, sensor or communication means on one of the kerbstones is provided by a power supply on another of the kerbstones.

35. - 113. (Cancelled without prejudice)